

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks.

By the forgoing amendments, the title, the abstract, and claims 1-5 have been amended. The amendments to the claim may be found in the specification as filed, at, for example, paragraph [0024]. No new matter has been added. Thus, claims 1-5 are currently pending in the application and subject to examination.

### Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §101

In the Office Action mailed January 11, 2008, claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as directed to non-statutory subject matter. These claims have been amended in response to rejections. That is to say, claims 1-5 has been amended to “A computer-readable medium recorded with a deadlock pre-detection program”. Accordingly, withdrawal of these rejections is respectfully requested.

### Conclusion

As mentioned above, claims 1-5 have been amended in response to the rejections. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and an issuance of Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that anything further is desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone

number listed below to schedule a personal or telephone interview to discuss any remaining issues.

Respectfully submitted,

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